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HOUSE TRANSPORTATION ENGROSSED NO. **SB 156** - 2/5/2008

Introduced by: Senators Apa, Abdallah, Hunhoff, Koetzle, Maher, and Napoli and
Representatives Pederson (Gordon), Dennert, Moore, and Turbiville

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to revise certain provisions regarding special motor vehicle
2 license plates for veterans with a disability, prisoners of war, Pearl Harbor survivors, and
3 Purple Heart recipients.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

5 Section 1. That § 32-5-108 be amended to read as follows:

6 32-5-108. Any resident veteran owner of a motor vehicle who has received the United States
7 Veterans' Administration K Award, meets the qualifications established by Public Law 187 of
8 the Eighty-second Congress for a veteran to receive an automobile, or a veteran who has been
9 rated as in receipt of a statutory benefit for loss or loss of use of one or more extremities, or a
10 veteran who receives a veteran's allotment for total disability under compensation which is
11 considered a service-connected injury, upon application to the department shall receive a ~~set~~
12 maximum of two sets of special license plates for any automobile, pickup truck, or van licensed
13 pursuant to § 32-5-5 or a motorcycle licensed pursuant to § 32-5-9. The veteran may choose to
14 use one of the two sets of plates on a noncommercial motor vehicle that is a pickup truck and



1 that weighs more than six thousand pounds licensed pursuant to § 32-5-6.3 or a motor home
2 licensed pursuant to § 32-5-6.1. The veteran shall pay the regular license fees set out in §§ 32-5-
3 6.3 and 32-5-6.1 and may not be required to pay the ten dollars for the special plates and
4 renewal stickers. The special plates shall be displayed as set forth in § 32-5-98. The design of
5 the license plate shall consist of a white background bordered on the left by a blue field with
6 white stars and on the right by alternating red and white stripes. The words "Disabled Veteran"
7 shall be inscribed on the plate in blue, in at least ten point bold type. The license plate shall be
8 reflectorized and validated each year with a sticker in the same manner as a noncommercial
9 license plate. License fees for the special plates shall be ten dollars for the plates and the
10 renewal stickers. No license fee or sticker fee pursuant to § 32-5-6 or 32-5-9 may be charged
11 to the veteran. The fees shall be deposited in the license plate special revenue fund.

12 In order to qualify for a special license plate pursuant to this section, a veteran shall, in
13 addition to meeting the qualifications established in the first paragraph, have incurred disabling
14 injuries while serving the United States in active duty during a time of war or while participating
15 in a military mission involving armed conflict. If it is determined that the veteran owner does
16 not qualify for the special plates or if the veteran owner dies, the plates shall be surrendered to
17 the county treasurer of applicant's residence. The treasurer shall notify the secretary who shall
18 make the necessary changes in the registration file. Failure to surrender the special license plates
19 as required by this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor.

20 Section 2. That § 32-5-109 be amended to read as follows:

21 32-5-109. Any resident of this state who was a prisoner of war while serving in the United
22 States armed forces and who received an honorable discharge from the United States armed
23 forces is eligible to apply to the secretary for a maximum of two sets special motor vehicle
24 license plates if the resident has first complied with all laws of this state for any automobile,

1 pickup truck, or van licensed pursuant to § 32-5-5 or a motorcycle licensed pursuant to § 32-5-9.
2 The veteran may choose to use one of the two sets of plates on a noncommercial motor vehicle
3 that is a pickup truck and that weighs more than six thousand pounds licensed pursuant to § 32-
4 5-6.3 or a motor home licensed pursuant to § 32-5-6.1. The veteran shall pay the regular license
5 fees set out in §§ 32-5-6.3 and 32-5-6.1 and may not be required to pay the ten dollars for the
6 special plates and renewal stickers. Each application shall be on a form prescribed by the
7 secretary and shall include certification of the applicant's prisoner of war status from the United
8 States Veterans' Administration. The applicant shall pay a ten dollar fee and shall receive special
9 plates. The special plates shall be displayed as set forth in § 32-5-98. A fee of ten dollars shall
10 be paid for the renewal stickers. No registration fee or sticker fee may be charged to the
11 applicant pursuant to § 32-5-6 or 32-5-9. The fees shall be deposited into the license plate
12 special revenue fund. Upon approval of the application, the secretary shall issue the license
13 plates which shall be numbered consecutively, beginning with the number 1, and the number
14 shall be preceded by the letters POW. If it is determined that an applicant does not qualify for
15 the special plates or if the applicant dies, the plates shall be surrendered to the county treasurer
16 of the applicant's residence. The treasurer shall notify the secretary who shall make the
17 necessary changes in the registration file. Failure to surrender the special license plates as
18 required by this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor.

19 Section 3. That § 32-5-109.1 be amended to read as follows:

20 32-5-109.1. Any resident of this state who was serving in the United States armed forces
21 and survived the attack at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, on December 7, 1941, and who received an
22 honorable discharge, may apply to the secretary for a maximum of two sets of special motor
23 vehicle license plates if the applicant has complied with all the laws of this state for any
24 automobile, pickup truck, or van licensed pursuant to § 32-5-5 or a motorcycle licensed pursuant

1 to § 32-5-9. The veteran may choose to use one of the two sets of plates on a noncommercial
2 motor vehicle that is a pickup truck and that weighs more than six thousand pounds licensed
3 pursuant to § 32-5-6.3 or a motor home licensed pursuant to § 32-5-6.1. The veteran shall pay
4 the regular license fees set out in §§ 32-5-6.3 and 32-5-6.1 and may not be required to pay the
5 ten dollars for the special plates and renewal stickers. Each application shall be on a form
6 prescribed by the secretary and shall include such information as the secretary may require. The
7 applicant shall pay a ten dollar fee and shall receive special plates. The special plates shall be
8 displayed as set forth in § 32-5-98. A fee of ten dollars shall be paid for the renewal stickers. No
9 registration fee or sticker fee may be charged to the applicant pursuant to § 32-5-6 or 32-5-9.
10 The fee shall be deposited into the license plate special revenue fund. Upon approval of the
11 application, the secretary shall issue the license plates. The license plates shall be numbered
12 consecutively beginning with number 1 and contain a symbol to be determined by the secretary
13 indicating that the owner of the vehicle is a Pearl Harbor survivor. If it is determined that an
14 applicant does not qualify for the special plates or if the applicant dies, the plates shall be
15 surrendered to the county treasurer of the applicant's residence. The treasurer shall notify the
16 secretary who shall make the necessary changes in the registration file.

17 Section 4. That § 32-5-109.2 be amended to read as follows:

18 32-5-109.2. Any resident veteran owner of a motor vehicle who has received the Purple
19 Heart Medal may apply to the secretary to receive a maximum of two sets of special license
20 plates for any automobile, pickup truck, or van licensed pursuant to § 32-5-5 or a motorcycle
21 licensed pursuant to § 32-5-9. The veteran may choose to use one of the two sets of plates on
22 a noncommercial motor vehicle that is a pickup truck and that weighs more than six thousand
23 pounds licensed pursuant to § 32-5-6.3 or a motor home licensed pursuant to § 32-5-6.1. The
24 veteran shall pay the regular license fees set out in §§ 32-5-6.3 and 32-5-6.1 and may not be

1 ~~required to pay the ten dollars for the special plates and renewal stickers.~~ The fee for the special
2 ~~license plates and the renewal stickers for the plates shall be issued only upon proof of payment~~
3 ~~of the current registration fees shall be ten dollars.~~ The special plates shall be numbered
4 consecutively beginning with number 1 and contain a symbol to be determined by the secretary
5 indicating that the owner has received the Purple Heart Medal. The special plates shall be
6 displayed as set forth in § 32-5-98. The special license plate shall be reflectorized and validated
7 each year with a sticker in the same manner as a noncommercial license plate. No license fees
8 ~~may be charged for the special plates and its or renewal stickers~~ fees may be charged to the
9 applicant pursuant to § 32-5-6 or 32-5-9. If it is determined that the veteran owner does not
10 qualify for the special plates or if the veteran owner dies, the plates shall be surrendered to the
11 county treasurer of the applicant's residence. The treasurer shall notify the secretary who shall
12 make the necessary changes in the registration file. Failure to surrender the special license plates
13 as required by this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor.